

Dear Sir,
I'd like to express my dismay in learning of the pressure to restrict XM Satellite Radio's broadcasting services, and respectfully urge support for the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming their customers, like me, demand and deserve.

By living in rural NE Wyoming, XM is the only thing decent on the radio period, unless you like country - which I can't stand: my favorite stations are Deep Tracks 40, Music Lab 51, then Fred, Ethyl, Lucy, Fungus, Live 26, and Unsigned. I do listen to some of the news channels and occasionally a comedy show. The traffic reports don't really apply, but it is very nice to tune in if you make a drive to Denver, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, etc. It is also fun to tune into say Houston, where I lived for 4 years (or any other big city), and listen to the traffic hassles they are experiencing and laughing from the elated joy that I don't have to deal with it anymore. And in that same respect, continual weather reports of relatively nearby cities helps planning trips and prediction of coming local weather. The point is: I appreciate this service XM is providing in a form that previously had not been available, and I appreciate the diversity of their service.

Please don't allow the NAB to restrict satellite radio listeners from XM's valuable information services. If I and others are obviously willing to pay for the service, why depreciate the service as I'm sure the fee won't be reduced. In capitalist-based America, no one, including the NAB, should dictate what a person can hear when they are willing to pay for it.

Sincerely,
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